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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 203

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS : PFOR, BA, US,XF  
SUBJECT : CONGRESSIONAL STUDY HEADLINED

REF : MANAMA 170

1. JAN. 22 ISSUE OF WEEKLY AL-ADHWAA BEGAN SERIALIZATION  
OF STUDY DESCRIBED REFTEL UNDER PAGE ONE HEADLINE:  
"THE AMERICAN PLAN TO ATTACK ARABIAN OIL WELLS".  
PAPER CLAIMED THAT "FOR FIRST TIME IN ARAB WORLD WE  
PUBLISH PROPOSED AMERICAN PLAN TO ATTACK ARAB OIL WELLS  
AND REASONS WHY PREVIOUS AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION DID NOT  
PROCEED WITH THIS GROSSLY UNJUST PLAN."

2. PAPER ALSO HIGHLIGHTED STATEMENTS IN STUDY THAT DURING  
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1973 EMBARGO SOME UNNAMED ARAB STATES CONTINUED TO  
SUPPLY OIL TO U.S. FROM GULF PORTS "SECRETLY AND UNDER  
FORGED MANIFESTS". INSIDE PAGE CONTINUATION OF STORY RAN  
UNDER CAPTION "AMERICA HAS BEEN TWO-FACED -- THEY  
PRETENDED TO BE FRIENDLY AND COOPERATE WITH ARAB WORLD  
WHILE MAKING THIS PLAN AND ALSO BACKING ISRAEL." MOST  
OF STORY WAS AUTHENTIC-SEEMING QUOTES OF OPTIONS AND

ASSUMPTIONS POSED BY STUDY, AND OF U.S. OIL IMPORT AND  
USE STATISTICS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO REFTEL SINCE APPEARANCE  
OF STORY CAUSING SOME COMMENT HERE. OUR LOW-KEY SEARCH  
FOR SOURCE AND MOTIVATION BEHIND THIS STORY HAS YET TO  
PRODUCE ANY FIRM ANSWERS. WE HAVE HEARD SPECULATION  
THAT IRAQ, FAVORITE BOGEYMAN HERE, IS BEHIND IT, BUT WE  
HAVE NO EVIDENCE SO FAR THAT THIS IS THE CASE. INEVITABLY,  
OF COURSE, THERE IS SPECULATION THAT PUBLICATION  
OF STUDY ARRANGED BY THOSE IN GOB WHO OPPOSE EXTENDING  
MIDEASTFOR TENTURE AND WHO WOULD SEE STORY OF THIS KIND  
AS INCREASING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION. INDEED,  
SINCE DISSOLUTION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN AUGUST 1975  
BAHRAIN PRESS HAS BEEN VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT PUBLISHING  
POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL STORIES WITHOUT CLEARING THEM  
WITH GOB.  
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